

## **REMARKS**

Applicants have canceled claims 23-28 and 33-35, amended claims 29-32 and added new claims 36-41. Support for amended claim 29 can be found, for example, in paragraphs [0033] and [0045] of the present application. No new matter has been added to the application by virtue of the present amendment.

Therefore, claims 29-32 and 36-41 are pending in the subject application by virtue of the present amendment. It is respectfully requested that the pending claims 29-32 and 36-41 be reconsidered and passed to issuance.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 102(e)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 23-28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Simpson et al. (USPN 6,174,425), Hanson et al. (USPN 6,254,742) and Uzoh et al. (USPN 6,261,426).

Applicants have canceled claims 23-28 and 35. Thus, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) are moot.

Applicants believe that Simpson et al., Hanson et al. and Uzoh et al., individually or in combination, do not anticipate, teach or suggest independent claim 29, as amended, or claims dependent thereupon.

Therefore, Applicants believe the rejections to the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) have been overcome.

## CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application. No fee is due by virtue of this amendment. However, if the PTO determines that a fee is required, please charge Applicants' Deposit Account, 09-0456.

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